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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, in view of the existence of the ban and as the land could not be assigned to poor Harijans, may I know whether the Government have any proposal to assign the land to rich mirasdars who are non-Harijans and who are at present cultivating the land ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There is quite a number of layers of men between the rich mirasdars and poor people."

Assignment of poramboke lands in Mettupalayam and Perundalaiyur villages, Gobichettipalayam taluk.

* 411 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total area of the bits of odai and foot-path poramboke lands in the Mettupalayam and Perundalaiyur villages of the Gobichettipalayam taluk, Coimbatore district, that were occupied by the adjacent land-owners for wet cultivation now evicted ; and

(b) whether the Government propose to assign these cultivable lands on patta to Harijans?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Perundalaiyur village.—Nil, and Mettupalayam village 43 cents in fasli 1362.

" (b) No, Sir."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" பெருந்தளையூர், மேட்டுப்பாளையம் கிராமங்களிலே அனேக துண்டு துண்டு நிலங்கள் அதிகமாக இருக்கின்றனவென்பது எனக்குத் தெரியும். அந்த நிலங்களையெல்லாம் கணக்கெடுத்து ஹரிஜனங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No, Sir, the Minister would not come forward because there are foot-paths and also poramboke odais which cannot be assigned."

Travelling allowance to village officers in Malabar.

* 412 Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether village officers in Malabar are paid any travelling expenses for attending to Jamabandi duties; and

(b) whether the village headmen and accountants of Palghat taluk, Malabar, were paid any and if so, what ' batta ' for attending to Jamabandi duties during the last three years?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The village officers (adhigari and menon) and the village menials of villages lying beyond a radius of five miles from the Jamabandi camp are being paid allowance at the following rates for attending to Jamabandi duties :—

(1) Adhigari—Re. 1 each for one day only.